

But C' > (2) selecting a plurality of web-based tools from a list of available tools, wherein the selected tools are to be made available to the plurality of group members specified in step (1);

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and (3) through the use of computer software, automatically creating the user-defined networked environment by creating a web page accessible to the plurality of group members selected in step (1), wherein the web page provides access to the plurality of tools selected in step (2).

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Please add the following new claims 27-38:

27. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the plurality of web-based tools provide for negotiating a deal over the plurality of computers, and the method further comprises:

(4) posting on the web page an electronic list of information regarding one or more offers to form a contract;

(5) posting on the electronic list one or more responses to the one or more offers;

(6) researching the one or more responses to determine whether they satisfy one or more contract criteria;

(7) negotiating over the network between at least two parties to accept or modify one or more of the responses; and

(8) electronically signing a document to consummate the contract.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising the step of sorting the one or more offers and one or more responses according to a user-selected sort order.

29. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein steps (4) and (5) are done anonymously, such that each party to the contract cannot determine the identity of the other party to the contract.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising the step of simultaneously revealing the identity of each party prior to step (8).

31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein steps (4) and (7) comprise the step of sharing a single anonymous e-mail alias among a plurality of users.

32. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising the steps of:

(9) registering keywords with an electronic agent that monitors the one or more offers and providing an e-mail address to be notified upon a keyword match; and

(10) in response to the electronic agent detecting the keyword match, transmitting a message to the e-mail address provided in step (9).

33. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein step (5) comprises the step of clicking on a hyperlink linking the information posted in step (4) to a reply card.

34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein step (5) comprises the step of requiring the submission of certain information before the reply card will be accepted.

35. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein steps (6) and (7) are performed a plurality of times for a single contract, such that modifications are made to the one or more responses.

36. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising the step of electronically registering a plurality of entities that have signatory authority and correlating the registered entities with one or more documents to which signatures can be affixed.

37. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the networked computers comprise at